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THE HONORABLE MIKE SIMPSON
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Committee's request, in House Report 117-83, that the Forest Service provide a report that explains the vegetation management actions that are being taken to address the threat of wildfires and how this work will support the goals of the 10-year wildfire strategy.

In compliance with Public Law 117-328 Section 7016, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Chellie Pingree.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure